



**Volunteer Center
of Cedar Valley**

Highlights

Our Mission

The mission of the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley is to promote and support effective volunteerism: to serve as the resource and coordination center for volunteers and a catalyst in building coalitions and community partnerships.

What We Do

- **In partnership with more than 50 member agencies**, we mobilize people and resources to deliver creative solutions to community problems.
- **Within Cedar Valley schools**, we offer service learning to educate youth about volunteerism and their responsibility to create positive change in their community. We support ten different youth programs, including Young Leaders in Action conferences, with 400 attendees annually.
- **We serve our non-profit member agencies** by offering training courses, providing a Web site to serve as a clearinghouse for volunteer opportunities, highlighting opportunities for partnership across agencies, and offering consultation on the issues of volunteer recruitment, retention and recognition.
- **In partnership with the University of Northern Iowa**, we co-host the UNI Volunteer Fair and assist UNI students in securing volunteer placement in our satellite office located at UNI.
- **To recognize the efforts of area volunteers** we sponsor the Mayors' Volunteer and Top Teen Awards each spring.

Our Value Statements

- **We believe in service to help others.**
- **We strive for excellence in our work and in our lives.**
- **We show respect to others through consideration for their work and values.**
- **We believe in collaboration to achieve a common vision of better communities.**
- **We believe in youth as a resource.**

The Results

In 2009, the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley placed over 3800 volunteers in local community service projects with more than 60 non-profit agencies.

How You Can Get Involved

- **If you represent a non-profit agency**, consider joining the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley as a member agency! Benefits include the ability to recruit more volunteers, gain training in the areas of volunteer management, and one-on-one consultation about various volunteer management issues.
- **If you represent a group of people**, consider organizing a volunteer effort as an activity for your social group or school organization. We would be happy to get you connected with an agency that can utilize your services!
- **If you would like to volunteer as an individual**, call the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley at 319-272-2087 or visit our Web site at www.vccv.org for a listing of current volunteer opportunities!

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